

West Point Lake - Volunteer Openings

Summer 2016

West Point Lake is surrounded by deep forests and rolling fields extending 35 miles along the Chattahoochee River on the Alabama-Georgia state line. The lake's 525 miles of shoreline provides excellent opportunities for fishing, camping, boating and other recreational activities.

The construction of the West Point Lake Dam was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962.

Congress authorized the project for flood control, hydroelectric power, navigation, fish and wildlife development and general recreation.



The West Point Lake Dam controls flooding of the river by managing seasonal variations in water flow. The project provides water storage for navigation on the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Waterway, running 260 river miles from Apalachicola, Florida to Columbus, Georgia. The powerhouse's three generators produce enough power yearly to serve 24,000 homes.

The Volunteer Program is a relatively new idea at West Point Lake and in it's early stages of evolving into something much bigger. The U.S Army Corps of Engineers is utilizing volunteers in 39 states. Volunteers are becoming essential to keeping parks and campgrounds operational as the USACE is seeing a re-allocation in it's budget causing West Point Lake to make management and operational changes. At West Point Lake, volunteers provide essential services that allow us to reduce the costs of contracts around the Project in the form of long-term and short-term volunteer opportunities.

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About the Program

Please visit our webpage's at:

<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/WestPointLake.aspx>

Www.facebook.com/WestPointLake.USACE



West Point Lake has over 20 volunteers who provide services during the recreation season. This opportunity lets both singles and couples stay active and give back to the community while being a part of a smaller volunteer community that is focused on making visitors feel welcome and keeping facilities open.

This is great opportunity for both experienced and new volunteers to learn new skills and learn about the USACE as an agency.

Perfect for retired individuals who are ready travel and live out of their campers long term or short term.

Winter volunteer opportunities are available after the recreation season to volunteers interested in staying long term.



Special Events such as Special Day for Special People, National Public Lands Day, Take a Warrior Fishing and other local events provide opportunities for volunteers to be creative and do something new.

Volunteers who accumulate over 250 hours of service on public lands is eligible to receive the America the Beautiful Annual Volunteer Pass which provides access to multiple federal agency fee parks at no cost.



Volunteer Village ; 8 openings March—September

Located in Amity Campground, the Volunteer Village is located in the sites # 12– 21 loop. This is a secure gated area with water front sites. Amenities include a private boat ramp with bathroom, shower and laundry facilities nearby. All sites are have 50 amp electric, water and septic.

The Volunteer Village acts as home base for volunteers who provide 20 hours of valued services a week around West Point Lake in surrounding parks and campgrounds. Duties include, but are not limited to: Cleaning campgrounds sites and working at the Visitor Center in addition to other smaller programs that assist with data collection, localized tasks, Park Ranger assistance and more. The following programs may be selected or assigned to volunteers in the Village:

- Traffic Counters (monthly)
- Special Events (4-5 events per year; booth assistance; lake information; on-site and off-site locations)
- Bulletin Boards (as needed)
- Water Safety Programs (as needed on-site and off-site; average 1-2 per week)
- Holiday Beach/Park Help (as needed; in gatehouses or parking control)
- Honor Boxes (weekly/pre-scheduled, requires a bonded individual)
- Bluebird Boxes (every other week 20-30 boxes; 1-2 parks)
- Shoreline Cleanup/ Park Assist (as needed around lake and other parks; blowing off picnic tables)
- Photographer (stage and update images from the Visitor Center around West Point Lake; for experienced person)
- Campground Emergency Assist (bonded position; training provided; all 4 campgrounds as needed)
- Volunteer Village Maintenance (clean bathroom, collect trash, collect firewood for group area)
- Gardener (landscaping in Volunteer Village and Project Office Butterfly Garden; brush/trail clearing)

Day-Use Park and Beach Areas; 2 openings May—September

West Point Lake offers three locations with beach access. Located at Earl Cook, Rocky Point and Yellowjacket Recreation Areas. Host positions are available at Earl Cook and Yellowjacket Recreation Areas for the summer recreation season. Host sites are located at the entrance the park with 50 amp electric, water and septic. Host positions rotate on a 4 day on/ off schedule that require volunteers to be night time emergency contacts. This is a non-bonded position that will not be handling money. Duties will include:

- Assisting visitors with how to use the self service fee station at the park entrance
- Open and close the park during operation hours from 10am—9pm EST
- Maintain the Life Jacket Loaner Station for visitors
- Monitor parking and park capacity
- Communicate with visitors about park rules and regulations
- Enforce minor park rules by use of vehicular notes
- Maintain and clean bathrooms periodically as needed
- Perform periodic rounds through the park to check for any violations
- Communicate with Park Rangers when needed to address problems in the park

Requirements for Volunteering

- Must be age 21 + to volunteer alone
- Must submit all necessary volunteer paperwork including the Volunteer Application.
- Must be a legal US citizen with identification
- Must undergo a federal background check (the USACE will pay for this service)
- Must provide a functional, factory built motor home, RV or 5th wheel for your occupancy on a campsite
- Must be able to work the minimum 20 hours/week (per campsite) or agree to work a provided rotation schedule during your stay (volunteer position specific)
- Must abide the uniform standards whether items being provide or personal attire.
- Must have an addition transportation vehicle besides your camping unit to transport yourself and/or work equipment to work location or perform rounds through parks.
- Some positions require volunteers to be bonded and handle money (the USACE will pay for this service)
- Attend all scheduled volunteer meetings throughout the year (about 1 per month)
- Abide by all state, local and federal rules and policies including Title 36.

General Volunteer Rules

Title 36 addressed most of the items listed below. More information will be provided during orientation.

- Pets: Volunteers may not have more than 2 dogs and must be kept on a 6 foot leash or penned. May not let animals run loose or be present in areas where pets are restricted (Yellowjacket Recreation Area is a no pet park—volunteers must have their animals secure during beach hours from 10am—9pm). Pets may not accompany you while performing volunteer duties.
- Transportation: ATV/UTV and golf carts are not acceptable means of transportation and are restricted at West Point Lake.
- WiFi and cable TV are not provided but you may use your local hot spot and get permission to install a satellite at your campsite.
- All vehicles and trailers must be parked in designated parking spaced unless approved by the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Volunteer may have visitors and set up tents on their sites with restrictions.
- Guns, firearms and explosives are not permitted on federal lands unless you are in a designated hunting area with a valid permit/license.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE APPLICATION—NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

The volunteer application helps public lands officials and potential volunteers determine if there are volunteer opportunities that are a good match for the skills and interests identified. All volunteers are required to complete a volunteer agreement once they have identified and committed to a specific volunteer activity. Mark ☒ in the appropriate boxes and print or type all responses.

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<p>10. Are you a United States Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, additional information may be required)</p>																														
<p>11. a. Have you volunteered before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>b. If yes, please list the organization where you volunteered with a contact name and phone # or email address, and briefly describe what you did.</p>																														
<p>12. Would you like to supervise other volunteers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>																														
<p>13. What are some of your objectives for volunteering? (Optional)</p>																														

14. Please list any physical limitations that may impact your volunteer activities.	
15. a. Which months are you available to volunteer? Check all that apply. <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> January</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> February</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> March</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> April</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> May</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> June</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> July</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> August</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> September</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> October</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> November</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> December</div> </div>	
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16. Specify states or locations where you would like to volunteer.	
17. Specify your lodging needs: <input type="checkbox"/> I will furnish my own lodging (such as tent; camper; own, relative's, or friend's place) <input type="checkbox"/> I will require assistance in finding lodging	
18. If a volunteer assignment is not available at the location specified in box #16, do you want your application forwarded to another location or Federal agency seeking volunteers with your background or interests? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Please specify)	
19. How did you hear about this volunteer opportunity? Check all that apply. <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer.gov</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Brochure</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other internet or website</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer fair or event</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth (friend, colleague, family member)</div> </div>	
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Notice to Volunteer	
Volunteers are not considered Federal employees for any purposes other than tort claims and injury compensation. Volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other benefit. However, volunteer service is creditable work experience. By signing this application the volunteer(s) understand(s) s/he may be subject to a reference check, background check, and/or criminal history inquiry.	
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20. Signature	21. Date